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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STOPOVER IN KUWAIT OF SAG F-5E'S

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IN MEETING WITH MINDEF SULTAN ON APRIL ONE CHIEF USMTM ASKED IF SULTAN WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO SAG F-5E'S STOPPING IN KUWAIT FOR REFUELING ENROUTE TO DHAHRAN. SULTAN REPLIED BY ASKING WHY DOESN'T KUWAIT MINDEF VISIT DHAHRAN AND SEE ENTIRE F-5 FACILITIES? SAG HAS NOTHING TO HIDE FROM KUWAIT, SAID SULTAN, AND KUWAITIS ARE WELCOME TO SEE EVERYTHING. IF KUWAIT MINDEF IS UNABLE TO VISIT AT PRESENT TIME, SAID SULTAN, LET KUWAITIS SEND AN ADVANCE TEAM IN HIS STEAD. AMEMBASSY JIDDA COULD, SAID SULTAN, RELAY THIS MESSAGE TO HIS FRIEND AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS, WHO COULD TELL KUWAITIS THEY ARE WELCOME.

COMMENT: SULTAN IS PROBABLY SINCERE IN EXTENDING INVITATION, BUT IT IS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT HE RELUCTANT THAT AIRCRAFT BE DISPLAYED IN KUWAIT ENROUTE. HORAN

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